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James E. Copple is a Founding Partner of Strategic Applications International, LLC. SAI is an Internationally involved consulting firm specializing in helping organizations and communities respond to crime, violence, substance abuse, educational change, and security issues. Currently Mr. Copple is responsible for developing the International Institute for Alcohol Awareness for the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation. The focus of IIAA is to address the primary issues of problem drinking and underage alcohol consumption. Prior to coming to PIRE, Mr. Copple served as the Vice President for Public Policy and Chief Operating Officer for the

National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC). In that position Mr. Copple was one of the spokespersons for the National Crime Prevention Council and oversaw the Departments responsible for Project Safe Neighborhood, Citizen Engagement in Homeland Security, Substance Abuse Prevention, Production and Training, Youth and Teens Crime and Community, National Youth Safety Corps, National Service, and the Office of New Americans. Mr. Copple helped coordinate the various media campaigns for the Crime Prevention Coalition of America.

Prior to his appointment at NCPC, Mr. Copple was the founding President and CEO of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, a privately funded, non-partisan membership organization of 4300 anti-drug and violence prevention coalitions. Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Knight Foundation and numerous corporate and media based foundations. Under Mr. Copple's leadership, CADCA was responsible for passage of the Drug-Free Communities Act with an appropriation of \$143 million to support community collaboration around drug abuse and violence prevention.

Mr. Copple served as Special Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in Wichita, Kansas where he also was the founding director of Project Freedom, a local comprehensive coalition addressing drug abuse and violence, was the founding Principal of the Downtown Law, Public and Social Service Magnet High School, principal of North High School and served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Juvenile Crime. For the National Crime Prevention Council Mr. Copple authored *Safer Schools: Strategies for Educators and Law Enforcement Seeking to Prevent Violence within Schools*.

Mr. Copple holds a B.A. in history from Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts, a Masters of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary and has done further graduate work at Boston College, John Hopkins University and doctoral work in the History and Philosophy of Education at the University of Kansas. Mr. Copple is a highly regarded speaker and writer in the substance abuse, mental health and violence prevention field.